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Subject: King Neptune update

From: Chief ERS

To: H-8/H-1/ORC/OEA

1. Martyn just informed me that the LA County medical waste specialist examined the vials, needles, etc, and determined that they did not constitute a significant problem. No low level residual radiation was found and they appeared to have gone through proper decontamination; liquid residuals are apparently decon solutions. Current practice requires the removal of labels, but these containers may predate that requirement.

Bottom line: no problem; ship the stuff off as non-hazardous waste, and back to square one on the issue of hospital liability.

2. LA Times is running an article this Sunday on lead sites, and will feature the King Neptune cleanup.